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SUMMARY. AT DPC MEETING JAN 9, PERMREPS DISCUSSED AND GENERALLY APPROVED THE SYG'S PROPOSALS FOR FOLLOW-UP TO THE DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. AT DPC MEETING AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 9, SYG LUNS INTRODUCED SUBJECT OF FOLLOW-UP TO THE DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING BY COMMENTING ON FULL PROGRAM OF WORK OUTLINED IN PO/73/174. HE REMARKED THAT MOST IMPORTANT TASK FOR NATO BEFORE THE SPRING MINISTERIAL WAS THE PREPARATION OF FORCE GOALS WHICH WOULD FORM THE BASIS FOR THE FORCE PLANNING CYCLE FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. HE URGED ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATIVE EFFORTS SO THAT MINISTERS COULD DEVOTE THEIR ATTENTION TO BROAD, STRATEGIC DEFENSE ISSUES.

2. RUMSFELD (US) DREW EXTENSIVELY FROM REFTTEL TO PUT FORTH
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US VIEWS.

3. PERMREPS RESPONDED TO SYG'S PROPOSALS AND US VIEWS AS
FOLLOWS:

A. ON DUPLICATION, PECK (U) POINTED OUT THAT 85 PERCENT OF FORCE PROPOSALS CLEARLY REFLECTED AD-70 STUDIES. MENZIES (CANADA) WONDERED IF NATO SHOULD GO LIGHTLY ON AD-70 STUDIES THIS YEAR AND FOCUS ON FORCE GOALS.

B. ON SPECIALIZATION, PECK AND MENZIES SUPPORTED US BELIEF THAT THE EWG SHOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FURTHER STUDIES. STIENHOFF (CHAIRMAN, MC) THOUGHT EXISTING NATO GROUPS, SUCH AS THE EWG, SHOULD BE USED FOR FURTHER STUDIES. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) SUGGESTED THAT PERMREPS AWAIT THE RESULTS OF AN EARLY MEETING OF THE SPECIALIZATION STEERING GROUP BEFORE EMBARKING ON A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHICH GROUP SHOULD HANDLE FURTHER STUDIES.

C. ON TACTICAL AIR FORCES, STEINHOFF REPORTED THAT THE MC HAD ASKED SHAPE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION BY MID-FEBRUARY 1974 TO FORM THE BASIS FOR ADDITIONAL MC RECOMMENDATIONS. HE SOLICITED INFORMATION ON BOERFINK, RAMSTEIN AND BRUNSSUM FROM THE FRG, US AND NETHERLANDS, RESPECTIVELY. DRAPF (FRG) RESPONDED THAT THE FRG WOULD MAKE BOERFINK AVAILABLE.

COMMENT. WE REQUESTED INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY OF RAMSTEIN IN USNATO 0030 NOTAL AND WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE. END COMMENT.

D. ON NATO MILITARY STAFF REDUCTIONS, STIENHOFF SAID THE MC WOULD SHORTLY REPORT THAT THERE WOULD BE A 5 PERCENT REDUCTION IN MILITARY STAFFS BY 1975. HE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF INCREASING TASKS, FURTHER REDUCTIONS MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT RATIONALIZATION, WHICH THE MC WAS LOOKING INTO.

E. ON FORMAT FOR DPC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, PECK SUGGESTED RETAINING AND PERHAPS EXTENDING THE RESTRICTED SESSION. HARTOGH CONCURRED IN RETAINING THE SESSION BUT SUGGESTED BETTER PREPARATION FOR IT.

F. ON POLITICAL LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, PECK SUPPORTED THE US PROPOSAL FOR A STUDY. ASYG
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HEMPHREYS ASKED FOR TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE SCOPE OF SUCH A STUDY BEFORE IT WAS COMMISSIONED.

4. KRAPF SAID THAT THE LANGUAGE APPEARING IN PARAGRAPH 9(C) OF DPC/D(73)35 ON THE US-FRG OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS WAS OVERLY CONDENSED. HE ASKED THAT THE EXISTING WORKING BE REPLACED BY THAT APPEARING IN PARA 10 OF THE DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE. SYG LUNS AGREED TO DO SO.

5. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) REFERRED TO THE US PAPER ON "FOLLOW-UP TO MBFR NGOTIATIONS" (PRESUMABLY THE US QUESTIONNAIRE ON TACTICS CONTAINED IN VIENNA 10326 NOTAL) WHICH HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED DEC 13 IN VIENNA AND PROVIDED TO THE NATO MILITARY

AUTHORITIES (NMA) AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (BUT NOT TO PERMREPS). HE WONDERED WHETHER THE PAPER DEALT EXCLESIVELY WITH TACTICS, WHETHER THE NMA AHD ANY COMMENTS ON IT, WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN THE PAPER DEALING WITH THE LINK BETWEEN PHASE I AND II. SYG SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND PROVIDE DE STAERCKE SOME ANSWERS. RUMSFELD

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